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SUBJECT: UNCTAD BOARD: INDEXATION ISSUE

1. ECONOMICS MINISTRY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
FOR DEVELOPMENT MUELLER-THUNS MADE URGENT CALL TO
ECONOMICS-COMMERCIAL MINISTER TO EXPRESS FRG CONCERN
OVER THE WAY THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE UNCTAD BOARD
ON THE ISSUE OF INDEXATION ARE PROCEEDING. ACCORDING
TO MUELLER-THUNS THE LDCA HAVE REJECTED THE GROUP B
COUNTER PROPOSAL ON INDEXATION AND THERE IS A DANGER
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THAT THE GROUP B COUNTRIES MAY AGREE TO ACCEPT

CONSENSUS LANGUAGE. MUELLER-THUNS STRESSED THAT THE FRG FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE GROUP B COUNTRIES SHOULD INSIST ON A VOTE ON THIS ISSUE. HE STATED THAT THE FRG DELEGATION IN GENEVA HAD REPORTED THAT THE US MIGHT BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT A COMPROMISE WHICH WOULD WEAKEN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' POSITION AND HE URGED US SUPPORT FOR A STRONG UNITED STAND ON THIS ISSUE.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY UN ECONOMICS EXPERT DITTMANN RAISED THIS SAME TOPIC IN A CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF YESTERDAY. DITTMANN SAID THE FRG FEELS VERY STRONGLY ABOUT THIS TOPIC AND IS EVEN OPPOSED TO THE DELAYING TACTIC OF COMMISSIONING A STUDY ON IT.

3. COMMENT: THE FRG FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES MUST MAINTAIN THEIR UNITY IF THEY ARE TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH STEAMROLLER TACTICS OF AN LDC MAJORITY WITHIN THE UN SYSTEM. SINCE WE ARE IN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THE TACTICAL PRINCIPLE INVOLVED HERE, WE HOPE FRG CONCERNS WILL BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. FAILURE TO DO SO MIGHT SERVE AS PRECEDENT IN FUTURE IN CASES WHERE WE WANT GERMAN SUPPORT IN OPPOSING "STEAMROLLER" TACTICS.
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